

Your Community Association

QEXCA

Exhibition \* Queen Elizabeth \* Haultain

# Fall Newsletter

August 2015

## QEXCA Fall Programming Registration

Program sign-up is on September 14, 2015 from 6:30-8:30pm at St. Frances School Gym, 2141 McPherson Ave.

A non-refundable membership fee of \$10 a year per individual or family is required to participate in programs and must be presented at the time of registration. A fee of \$10 will apply to late registrations. QEXCA honours other community association memberships.

In an effort to ensure everyone who wants to participate in a program can, QEXCA offers cost-as-a-barrier assistance to those facing financial hardships. To inquire/apply, please contact Leah at [gexca.saskatoon@gmail.com](mailto:gexca.saskatoon@gmail.com). All inquiries are kept confidential.



Classes and Times

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*Tiny Tots Soccer on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:45!*



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## QEXCA President's Message

I hope everyone has had a great summer. I'm glad to see that so many of you have taken advantage of the parks and playgrounds within our community. The accessible playground at W.W. Ashley Park and the spray pad at Thornton Park certainly appear to be popular destinations for families during the summer months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers within our community who have helped organize events, coordinate programs and operate our rinks over the last year. Without our volunteers and their hard work, our programs and events would not be as successful as they are.

We will be holding our AGM in October and I would encourage all residents to attend to learn about our Community Association and meet other members of our community. We have a number of vacant positions on our board and if you are interested in joining the board or volunteering in our community, this is an opportunity to find out more information. We are an active Community Association and we rely on volunteers to donate their ideas, effort and time to help build a strong and vibrant community.

Sincerely,  
Adam Touet

## Classes and Times

**Zumba** -Wed - 7 - 8 p.m.  
St. Frances School Gym  
Sept. 23 to Nov.  
25th Cost: \$55 (Please note, after November 11th, class will be from 8 - 9 p.m.)

**Aerobics** -Mon - 7-8 p.m.  
Queen E School Gym  
Sept. 21 to Nov.  
30th Cost: \$40

**Tiny Tot Soccer** - Tues -  
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.  
Queen E School Gym  
Sept. 22nd to Nov. 24th  
Cost: \$20  
For Ages 3, 4, and 5.

Come out to registration night or e-mail [leahmck@hotmail.com](mailto:leahmck@hotmail.com) before Sept 18<sup>th</sup> with subject line "Tiny Tot Soccer".



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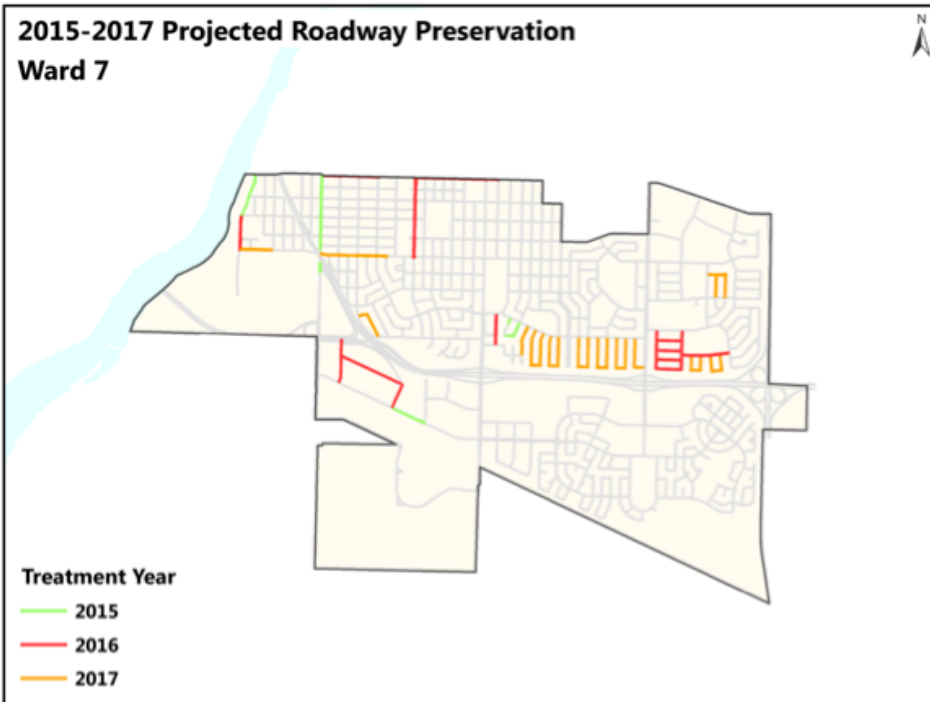
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## Hello Queen Elizabeth, Exhibition & Haultain residents!

I hope you had a great summer and that fall is treating you well. This has been a busy summer for infrastructure projects in the city: the rehabilitation work on the University Bridge concluded ahead of schedule in August, the city's first protected bike lanes were installed downtown on 23rd Street in July, and of course a large number of maintenance projects were conducted on alleys, sidewalks, and streets around the city, including many in this area. The city's accelerated approach to roadway maintenance is yielding some positive results, but there is much more work to be done this area. The map below shows some of the roadway rehabilitation planned in the next couple of years:



First QEXCA meeting  
7:00pm at St Frances  
September 1st

**AGM**  
7:00pm  
October 13<sup>th</sup>  
At  
**Sports On Tap**  
**Drinks and**  
**Appetizers will**  
**be provided!**

On the subject of roads, I hear very frequently from residents who are concerned about the intersection of Lorne and Ruth. The most common concern is that the intersection is not functioning well as a four-way stop and should be converted to traffic signals in order to improve safety and traffic flow. Some keen observers of the issue may already be aware that there was a plan in place for this process prior to the completion of the Circle Drive South Project, and that this plan was put on hold when the South Bridge construction began. At this point I have requested of our staff that they resume the process for improvements at this site, and traffic counts are underway presently. I will keep residents posted as this issue develops, and I thank everyone in the area for their continued patience and caution.

These are just a few of the issues being discussed around the city these days, and I'm always happy to hear from residents who have questions or comments about their community. Don't hesitate to be in touch to chat further!

Take care,

Mairin Loewen

City Councillor, Ward 7

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**Dear QEXCA residents, Best of autumn to you!**

At City Hall, we are continuing on the overhaul of our growth plans with the Growing Forward Shaping Saskatoon process, including plans for a Bus Rapid Transit system and an Active Transportation Master Plan. These plans all have potential impacts on older neighbourhoods like those in the QEXCA as we explore ways to modernize the Transit system, densify parts of major corridors like 8th St, and create safer cycling and pedestrian routes through the City.

There will be meetings coming up with opportunities for on-line engagement that you can check out at [www.growingforward.ca](http://www.growingforward.ca). Now is a very good time to make your voice heard. We are also working to invite more citizens into the City Budgeting process earlier, which you can learn more about at [www.saskatoon.ca/city-hall/budget-finances](http://www.saskatoon.ca/city-hall/budget-finances). The Federal election campaign is now well underway. My experience as City Councillor has reinforced my understanding that decisions made in Ottawa have a big impact on our ability to build a healthy community here. Out of every tax dollar collected in Canada, cities take about 8 cents. We are dependent on strong partnerships with other levels of government to deliver necessary infrastructure, programs and services that provide a good quality of life to all citizens.

As we move ahead with plans for a Bus Rapid Transit plan it will be essential to have support from the Federal government to help pay for new buses, and better shelters and stations, just as we rely on support for bridges and overpasses. Solid commitments to infrastructure spending make a huge difference in our ability to ensure we can keep our roads, bridges, sewer and water lines in good condition.

Other important issues in our city also require a strong partnership with the Federal government to be successful, such as: tackling homelessness and affordable housing, building a path to reconciliation between First Nations, Metis and Non-Indigenous people, creating good jobs in a well-diversified economy, taking meaningful steps towards addressing climate change and building a stronger renewable energy sector, ensuring good policy and programs to support settlement and integration of new immigrants.

These are issues I will be talking to candidates about as the election unfolds, and I hope you will too. Our country continues to have tremendous potential even as we face tremendous challenges. Creating a healthy diverse nation for future generations depends on creating healthy and diverse communities!

Please sign up for my Civic e-newsletter for more information about the debates and decisions happening at City Hall. You can do easily through my website at [www.charlieclark.ca](http://www.charlieclark.ca).

Sincerely,

Charlie Clark

City Councillor, Ward 6

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